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City and County Collaborate to Save Money and Improve Services

Summit County to provide the City with internal audit services

Akron, Ohio (May 31, 2013) – In an effort to save money, improve operations, and provide efficient services to its citizens, the City of Akron will be utilizing internal audit services from the County of Summit's Internal Audit Department to provide the City with independent and objective reviews of City departments' operations and procedures. The internal audits will be available to all City departments upon the City's request and approval by the Summit County Audit Committee.

Internal audit procedures are used to review special projects, systems, and processes. They will serve as an independent, objective source of information for City of Akron management and managers to use as a resource to obtain advice on financial, operational, performance, controls and procedures.

“This is just another example of how the City and County are working together to help each other improve services and become more efficient,” said Mayor Don Plusquellic. “Two years ago, we consolidated our health departments, saving over \$1M annually. Previously, we combined our Weights & Measures, Building Inspections divisions, and Copy/Mail Center services. And, we continue to have ongoing collaborations and discussions about how to leverage the investments made by both the County and City in local law enforcement.

“We are eager to provide the services of the Internal Audit Department to the City, and hope that our services will help the City with analyzing and improving their operations,” said County Executive Russ Pry, who is also the Chair of the County’s Internal Audit Committee.

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